

Draft Declaration

Between

Enoch Cree Nation
City of Edmonton
University of Alberta
WIN Sport International
Province of Alberta
Treaty 6 Confederacy
Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
Treaty 7 Management Corporation
Métis Nation of Alberta
Métis Settlements General Council
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
Government of Canada
Parkland County

**Declared at the World Indigenous Nations Games Summit, River Cree Marriott,
Treaty 6 Territory, Edmonton Alberta, December 11th -13th , 2016**

**In the Spirit of Peace and Reconciliation through Sport, Culture, and Cultural
Expressions, we hereby Declare:**

WHEREAS the World Indigenous Nations Games will be a worldwide event that celebrates Indigenous Peoples through contemporary sports events, traditional Indigenous games, and profiling of cultures of the world's 370 million Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS the World Indigenous Nations Games will be a Games of Excellence – showcasing the best of talented athletes and the richness and beauty of Indigenous cultures of the world's 370 million Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS the last World Indigenous Nations Games was hosted by Palmas, Tocantins, Brazil in 2015;

WHEREAS the City of Edmonton, the University of Alberta, Enoch Cree Nation and Confederacy of Treaty Six has been selected to host the 2017 World Indigenous Games;

WHEREAS the World Indigenous Nations Games shall take place July 2nd – 9th, 2017;

WHEREAS the parties to this Declaration clearly state that the 2017 World Indigenous Nations Games has the potential of instilling a passion and pride for sport, culture and sustainability in Indigenous Peoples from all over the world, and

in the citizenry of the City of Edmonton, Enoch Cree Nation and the Treaty No. 6 territory (Alberta);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that working through a spirit of reconciliation, collaboration and partnership, the parties to this Declaration agree to engage in a process of developing the path forward in successfully planning and hosting the World Indigenous Nations Games July 2nd – 9th, 2017;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we reiterate and support the first two Declarations decided in Tocantins, Brazil;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that athletes in contemporary sports will be identified through a national qualification process.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the World Indigenous Nations Games will have participants representing global regions of Indigenous Peoples, including the Asia Pacific/Australia/New Zealand Region, the Arctic Circumpolar Region, the African Region, the European Region, the Central and South American Region, the North American Region as well as the United States of America and, the Host Region of Canada.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the World Indigenous Nations Games will provide Indigenous Peoples with an opportunity to present to the world their unique, centuries old traditional games, sports and cultures; and will create the opportunity to increase international solidarity, cooperation, coordination, and the promotion of peace and reconciliation among all peoples.

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